# Fort McCoy Regulation 420-29

Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

# Hunting, Fishing, Trapping Laws & Regulations

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# **SUMMARY of CHANGE**

Regulation 420-29 Hunting, Fishing, Trapping Laws & Regulations

Addition of specific hunting season dates
 Addition of statement allowing the shooting of feral pigs
 Update in hunting area closures for Small-Game, Archery, and Turkey seasons during the Deer – Disabled Hunt and Deer Muzzle-loader Season
 Addition of hunting area locations for the Deer – Disabled Hunt and Deer Muzzle-loader Season
 Change in hunting season closure prior to the Gun-Deer Season
 Change in closure of Archery Season to December 31, 2007
 Change in Spring Turkey hunting hours to close at 5:00pm

Update of Suspension/Revocation of Fort McCoy Game Privileges (appendix A)

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**HISTORY.** Fort McCoy Regulation 420-29 was developed in 2006 to replace Fort McCoy Regulation 190-13. This is the first revision to 420-29 since replacing Fort McCoy Regulation 190-13.

**SUMMARY.** This regulation sets forth laws and regulations for all hunting, fishing and trapping on Fort McCoy.

**APPLICABILITY.** This regulation is applicable to all activities on Fort McCoy. Civilian, military, tenants, and training units are required to comply with this regulation. No activity is exempt from this regulation.

**PROPONENT EXCEPTION AUTHORITY.** The Proponent of Fort McCoy Regulation 420-29 is Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security, (DPTMS) Biological and Cultural Resources Management Team. Requests for additional copies of this regulation should be directed to: Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, Permit Sales, 110 East Headquarters Road, Fort McCoy, WI 54656-5226, or, email: permitsales@emh2.mccoy.army.mil.

**SUPPLEMENTATION.** Supplementation of this circular is prohibited without prior approval from the proponent.

**SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS.** The proponent agency for this circular is DPTMS, Biological and Cultural Resources Management Team. Send comments or suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, Biological and Cultural Resources Management Team, 110 East Headquarters Road, Fort McCoy, WI 54656-5226

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#### Chapter 1

- **1-1. PURPOSE**: This regulation establishes laws and regulations enforceable in federal court for hunting, fishing, and trapping on Fort McCoy. This regulation promotes the management of these activities and populations of fish and game on Fort McCoy. If this regulation conflicts with State of Wisconsin hunting, fishing and trapping regulations or other federal or state directives, such conflicts will be brought promptly to the attention of DPTMS, Biological and Cultural Resources Management Team, 110 East Headquarters Road, Fort McCoy, WI 54656-5226.
- **1-2. REFERENCES**: Required and related publications as defined are available from the DPTMS, Protective Services Division, 1757 South 11th Avenue, Fort McCoy, WI.

#### 1-3. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a. DPTMS, Biological and Cultural Resources Management Team is the proponent of this regulation.
- b. Fort McCoy Installation Legal Office will provide legal assistance and review/process all citations.
- c. For information and to report violations, call the **Police Desk Officer (608) 388-2266**. Training area emergency phones (see appendices for locations) may be used to report violations.
- d. It is the responsibility of the individual recreational participant to call the **GAME LINE**, **(608) 388-4263**, for changes or temporary regulations to the activities they wish to participate in at Fort McCoy. The GAME LINE information should be checked daily to ensure that the activity has not been restricted because of unforeseen mission requirements. The GAME LINE is also posted at the sign in/out shacks

#### Chapter 2

#### 2-1. INSTALLATION GENERAL REGULATIONS AS RELATED TO HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING:

- a. Fort McCoy is a separate Deer Management Unit. State of Wisconsin bonus tags, T-Zone tags, or Earn-A-Buck requirements are not valid on Fort McCoy.
- b. <u>Vehicle registration:</u> All vehicles entering the Cantonment Area of Fort McCoy property must be registered. Call vehicle registration at (608) 388-4988 for more information.
  - c. Requirements for sign in/sign out:
- (1) All <u>hunting</u> permit holders are required to sign in at the designated sign in/sign out locations prior to entering Fort McCoy for scouting or hunting. Permit holders are required to sign out at the same location upon leaving the area. <u>Permit holders will only be authorized to sign in for one hunting zone at a time.</u> Hunting zones are depicted on the Fort McCoy Maps posted at the Registration Stations.
- (2) The primary sign in/sign out locations are the Coal Yard Hunter Registration Point (CYHRP) and the East Perimeter Hunter Registration Point (EPHRP). However, these locations may be changed to facilitate Fort McCoy mission requirements. Any change in the location for sign in/sign out will be noted on the GAME LINE (608) 388-4263.
- (3) Special sign in/sign out procedures will be used during the Gun-Deer Season (Gun-Deer hunters see par 3-4(f)).
- (4) The CYHRP is located south of Highway 21 at the intersection of Quarry Hill Road and Highway 21. The EPHRP is located on "X" Road, north of Highway 21.
  - (5) Sign in/sign out requirements do not pertain to trappers and anglers.

- d. <u>Activity Information Card</u>: All <u>permit</u> holders, including hunting, fishing, and trapping, are required to display a 5x8 information card on the passengers side of the windshield with the following information: Permit holder's full name (if there is more than one permit holder per vehicle, the names of all permit holders will be noted), Activity (archery, fishing, gun-deer, small-game, scouting, etc), and Emergency Contact Phone Number for each permit holder in the vehicle.
- e. <u>Vehicle Search</u>: Owners and/or operators of motor vehicles that enter the property of Fort McCoy consent to the search of that motor vehicle.
  - f. Alcohol: It is not permitted to be intoxicated or to consume alcohol while in hunting and trapping areas.
- g. <u>Speed Limits</u>: The speed limit on Fort McCoy is 10 mph when passing troops and 30 mph in all other areas, unless otherwise posted.
- h. <u>Reporting of Information</u>: All permit holders are required by this regulation to notify the Fort McCoy police **(608)388-2266)** of uncontrolled fires, the location of any found unexploded ordinance, and **any observed violations of Federal, State or Fort McCoy Regulations or laws.**
- i. <u>Conduct</u>: All permit holders will cooperate with military officials and Fort McCoy law enforcement personnel. In addition to the appropriate permits, all persons over 18 years old must have official picture identification in their possession at all times while on Fort McCoy property.
  - i Miscellaneous: Within the boundaries of the installation, without prior authorization, it is unlawful to:
    - (1) Pick up, disturb, carry off, or damage Government equipment, ordnance, munitions or parts of the same.
    - (2) Litter.
    - (3) Start fires (charcoal grills are allowed only in designated areas).
    - (4) Camp overnight, except at Pine View Campground.
    - (5) Shine wild animals with artificial light at anytime.
    - (6) Hunt Bear.
    - (7) Operate vehicles off established roadways/trails during fishing, small game and archery seasons.
    - (8) Operate ATVs at anytime.
    - (9) Possess air guns, slingshots or spring loaded devices.
- (10) Molest or take any non-game species Except feral pigs, may be taken with any Fort MCCOY permit and then must be reported to Natural resources before leaving Fort MCCOY.
- (11) Use bait to attract wildlife for any reason (expect while trapping or conducting official government studies)
  - (12) Register deer or turkey harvested outside of Fort McCoy property.
- k. <u>Archaeological Resources</u>: It is a federal offense to dig, excavate, disturb the ground, and/or collect archaeological artifacts on Fort McCoy without authorization from DPTMS (608) 388-4919. Violators are subject to criminal penalties involving fines or imprisonment or both and civil fines and forfeiture of vehicles and equipment used in connection with a violation (reference Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, 16 USC 470, and 36 CFR 261.9).
- I. <u>Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance (LRAM)</u>: Fort McCoy has LRAM sites in some training areas on the installation. The LRAM program has areas of erosion and selected trails that are being repaired and

revegetated. The LRAM sites are clearly marked with signs and yellow tape and shall not be disturbed. LRAM sites are **OFF LIMITS to vehicles.** 

m. <u>Black-Out Drive Hours</u>: Civilian vehicles are prohibited in most training areas after dark. These areas are referred to as Black-Out Drive Areas and are **OFF LIMITS** to civilian vehicles during the following times:

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9:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. ---- 1 May thru 15 September 8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. ---- 16 September thru 30 April
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Personnel may be allowed into these areas earlier and/or later, if Black-Out Drive hours are not in effect; information pertaining to Black-Out Drive areas can be checked by calling the **GAME LINE (608) 388-4263**. **Information will also be posted at the designated sign in/sign out locations.** The Game Line recording and the listing at the designated sign in/sign out locations will be updated by DPTMS-Range Branch by 3:30 p.m. each Monday afternoon and again by 3:30 p.m. each Friday afternoon. DPTMS-Protective Services will post the information at the sign in/sign out locations. **Fort McCoy reserves the right to adjust this if needed. Hunters and anglers are required to call the Game Line daily for any changes.** Black-Out Drive restrictions will be lifted for the Gun-Deer season. The Black-Out Drive Area is marked with appropriate signage at entry roads.

n. <u>Baiting and Feeding of Deer</u>: Due to the health concerns and potential spread of disease in deer, the use of bait (to include salt and mineral blocks or liquids) to attract deer to a specific location is not authorized on Fort McCoy.

#### 2-2. PERMITS/VIOLATIONS:

- a. <u>Permit Requirements</u>: The appropriate Fort McCoy hunting, fishing, trapping permit and appropriate State of Wisconsin license and stamps are required to hunt, fish or trap on the Installation.
- b. <u>Access to Hunting Areas During Gun-Deer Season</u>: Unless authorized in writing by DPTMS Range & Training Division or Protective Services Division, only permit holders, or Fort McCoy employees in the performance of their official duties, may enter the hunting areas during the Gun-Deer (G-D) Season.
- c. <u>Permit Sales</u>: The Permit Sales Office, bldg 2101, is open Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (608) 388-3337. **Fort McCoy permits are not transferable or refundable.** Contact Permit Sales at: DPTMS, (IMNW-MCY-TMR-B/Permit Sales), 110 East Headquarters Road, Fort McCoy, WI 54656-5226 or by email: permitsales@emh2.mccoy.army.mil.
- d. <u>Regulations</u>: The State of Wisconsin Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Regulations are applicable on Fort McCoy except as indicated in this regulation. Violation of either the Wisconsin Hunting, Fishing, or Trapping regulations or this Regulation may result in any or all of the following:
  - (1) Criminal prosecution in Federal Magistrate Court.
  - (2) Fines and/or forfeiture in U. S. District Court.
- (3) Suspension or revocation of Fort McCoy hunting, fishing and/or trapping privileges either immediately or by written notification, refer to appendix B.
  - (4) Written warning.
  - (5) Disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) for persons subject thereto.
- e. <u>Violations</u>: Violations by an individual of any three or more offenses covered by the State of Wisconsin Hunting or Fishing Regulation and/or this regulation over a period of five years will subject the individual to permanent revocation of Fort McCoy hunting, fishing, trapping and firewood cutting privileges. If your privileges have been revoked or suspended for a violation, ALL privileges, to include hunting, fishing, trapping and firewood cutting will be revoked or suspended.

#### 2-3. HUNTING, FISHING, TRAPPING GENERAL REGULATIONS:

- a. <u>Areas Open</u>: Not all areas on the installation are open on a given day. Individuals found in closed areas are subject to prosecution. The Fort McCoy Game Line (608) 388-4263 advises callers of areas that are closed. This recording is updated by 3:30 p.m. each Monday afternoon and again by 3:30 p.m. each Friday afternoon. Fort McCoy reserves the right to adjust area closures as needed to facilitate military training or game management operations. Hunters and anglers are required by this regulation to call the Game Line daily for any changes.
- b. <u>Maps</u>: Maps showing the hunting areas referred to on the Game Line are attached to this regulation. The designated sign in/ sign out locations will have a large installation map posted with the individual training areas and hunting zones indicated.
- c. <u>Restricted Areas</u>: Hunting in areas B-12, B-13, B-15 and the western half of B-23 is restricted to Fort McCoy Active Military and their dependents, with the following exceptions:
  - (1) Each person who is authorized to hunt in these areas can have one guest accompany them.
  - (2) Area B-12 is open to all hunters during the small game, fall and spring turkey, and archery seasons.
- d. <u>Tracking Wounded Deer</u>: You may not track a wounded deer into a "closed" hunting area unless accompanied by law enforcement personnel and you must call (608)388-2266 first. If a wounded deer goes off the installation, it is your responsibility to obtain permission from the landowner. Hunting or tracking wounded deer into the North Impact Area or onto any ranges within the North Impact Area is <u>forbidden</u> under any circumstances.
- e. <u>Tree Stands and Commercial made blinds</u>: Elevated structures may be used on the installation providing they do not damage the tree and are completely removed each day at the close of hunting hours. Hunters are not allowed to construct or hunt from permanent tree stands. **Tree spikes are not allowed. Commercial made blinds used during any hunting season (except waterfowl) must have blaze orange panels attached to all sides and the blind must be removed daily by the end of hunting hours.**
- f. Individuals are not allowed to hunt within 50 feet from the center of, or shoot across, any improved gravel/paved roads (Main Roads), refer to maps at appendix C and appendix D.
  - g. Driving vehicles onto ranges and hunting from range towers/structures is strictly forbidden.
  - h. Hunting (i.e., predator calling or raccoon hunting) at night is not allowed.
- i. <u>Coyote Hunting</u>: Timber wolves, a federally protected species, have been documented on Fort McCoy; consequently, coyote hunting will not be allowed during the G-D Season.
- j. <u>Deer Drives</u>: Deer drives are allowed as provided in the following paragraphs: 3-3(f) and 3-4(d). A deer drive is defined as an organized activity including two or more individuals hunting together (group) where one or more members of the group are hunting with the intent of driving (moving) deer past another member or members of the group who are positioned in a pre-determined location(s) to shoot at the deer. <u>Hunting parties</u> (groups) may not exceed 10 people. Deer drives are prohibited during the first two days of Gun Deer season.
- k. <u>Cantonment Area Deer Archery Hunting</u>: Archery hunting may be allowed in the Cantonment Area to Cantonment Archery Bonus Tag holders only. Refer to paragraph 3-3g for further information.
  - I. Vehicles and snowmobiles are not permitted on frozen lakes, ponds, rivers or streams.

#### Chapter 3

#### 3-1. SMALL GAME REGULATION: refer to map at appendix C

- a. <u>Seasons</u>: Except as specifically stated in this regulation, the small game seasons on Fort McCoy are the same as the State of Wisconsin. Hunting for coyote, crow, snowshoe hare, and unprotected species ends on February 28. **Small game hunting is not allowed from March 1 September 1.** 
  - b. Waterfowl regulations and season dates coincide with State and Federal Regulations.
- c. The small game hunting season (to include scouting) is closed in Zones 2 and 3 (as listed in the hunter sign-in locations) on October 6 7, 2007 and on November 3 4, 2007.
  - d. Small game hunting is closed on November 15 16, 2007 for G-D Season preparations.
  - e. Small game hunting is not allowed on Fort McCoy during the G-D Season (November 17 25, 2007).
- f. Hunting areas, (B-1, B-12, B-13, B-15, B-29, B-30, B-31), (the western portion of B-23), (C-1, G-1, G-2, D-10), and (SE M-3) are restricted to shotgun/archery use only for small game hunting; .22 rifles and handguns are NOT allowed.

#### **3-2. FALL TURKEY REGULATION**: refer to map at appendix C

- a. <u>Permits:</u> A Fort McCoy fall turkey hunting permit, the appropriate Wisconsin hunting license (i.e. current Fall Turkey Hunting License, Conservation Patron License or a Senior Citizen Recreation Card), and Turkey Stamp are required. Conservation Patron License and Senior Citizen Recreation Card holders are exempt from the stamp requirement. All persons must reference the Wisconsin Fall Turkey Hunting Regulations for additional license information. Fort McCoy is a separate unit and is not part of Area 14. WI Turkey Permits for Area 14 are not valid on Fort McCoy.
- b. <u>Season</u>: The Fort McCoy fall turkey season (to include scouting) dates are September 15 November 14, 2007.
- c. The fall turkey hunting season (to include scouting) is closed in Zones 2 and 3 (as listed in the hunter signin locations) on October 6 7, 2007 and on November 3 4, 2007.
  - d. Hunting Hours and Ammunition: Reference State of Wisconsin Fall Turkey Hunting Regulations.
- e. <u>Registration</u>: All turkeys harvested on Fort McCoy **must be registered** at the Pine View Recreation Area Main Office, bldg 8053, no later than 1 hour after hunting hours on the day of the kill.

#### 3-3 ARCHERY REGULATION: refer to map at appendix C

- a. <u>Permits:</u> A Fort McCoy Archery permit and Wisconsin Deer Archery hunting license are required to hunt on Fort McCoy
- b. <u>Season</u>: The Fort McCoy archery season dates are September 15 November 14, 2007 (early season) and November 26, 2007 December 31, 2007 (late season). At the discretion of Fort McCoy biologists, the late season may be bucks only. A decision will be made after the Gun-Deer Season and the information provided on the **Game Line (608) 388-4263**.
- c. The archery hunting season (to include scouting) is closed in Zones 2 and 3 (as listed in the hunter sign-in locations) on October 6 7, 2007 and on November 3 4, 2007.
- d. <u>Deer Registration</u>: All deer harvested by archers on the installation **must be registered** at the Pine View Recreation Area Main Office, bldg 8053, no later than 1 hour after hunting hours on the day of the kill. Archers are required to fill out an archery survey card available at Pine View Recreation Area when they register a deer.

- e. <u>Duplicate State Licenses</u>: Duplicate State of Wisconsin archery licenses are not valid on Fort McCoy.
- f. Once an archer has tagged a deer, the archer can continue to hunt small game using blunt tipped or judo point arrows. Upon tagging a deer, archers cannot have broadheads in their possession except during the fall turkey season <u>and</u> they have a valid Fort McCoy Fall Turkey permit. Archers are not allowed to shoot deer for another archer.
- g. <u>Restricted Archery Hunting Areas</u>: Several areas on Fort McCoy are open to archery-only hunting, refer to map at appendix C. When hunting in areas around the airport, hunters are not allowed on the airport runways for any reason.
- h. <u>Deer Drives</u>: Deer drives during the early archery season are prohibited (see par. 2-3 j); however, they are allowed during the late archery season.
- i. <u>Cantonment Area Deer Archery Hunting</u>: Archery hunting may be allowed in the Cantonment Area to Cantonment Archery Bonus Tag holders only as provided in appendix F & G of Fort McCoy Regulation 420-29. Sign in/out location for Cantonment Area hunters is the CYHRS. The Cantonment Area is subject to closure. Call the **Game Line (608) 388-4263** before hunting.

#### 3-4. GUN-DEER (G-D) REGULATION: refer to map at appendix D

- a. <u>Permits:</u> A Fort McCoy Gun-Deer permit and Wisconsin Deer Gun hunting license are required to participate during the G-D season on Fort McCoy. Permit holders wishing to bring an underage child for educational purposes must obtain written approval before entering the hunting areas (para 3-4f (4))
- b. <u>Seasons:</u> The G-D Season dates are November 17 25, 2007. Fort McCoy has a modified 9-day season, referred to as a 2-2-5. This season incorporates 2 days of buck only (Saturday and Sunday), 2 days of either sex (Monday and Tuesday), concluded by 5 days of buck only (Wednesday through Sunday). Hunters are reminded that Fort McCoy operational requirements may require closing the season earlier.
- c. <u>Hunter Choice Permits</u>: Fort McCoy is a separate deer management unit and issues its own Hunter Choice Permits (HCP). **HCPs** <u>do not</u> represent a bonus deer tag. An HCP allows a hunter to harvest an antlerless deer during the 9-day GD season. Deer must be tagged with the hunter's Wisconsin antlered tag. Wisconsin Zone-T and Bonus antlerless tags are not valid on Fort McCoy.
  - d. Hours: Hunting hours are: 6:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hunters must be out of hunting areas by 6:00 p.m.
- e. <u>Group Hunting</u>: Once a hunter has tagged a deer, he or she may continue to hunt for the remainder of that day only, but must abide by the Wisconsin Group Hunting Regulation. Following the day that a hunter has tagged a deer, he or she may, <u>if unarmed</u>, assist hunting partners. **Deer drives are prohibited during the first two days of the G-D season.**

## f. Special Regulations:

- (1) <u>Firearms</u>: Certain areas of Fort McCoy designated on the Gun-Deer Hunting Map appendix D (North and South of the airfield; and West and North of the Cantonment Area) are restricted to shotgun, muzzle-loader, and handgun only. Violators of these restrictions are subject to prosecution under applicable State laws or this regulation.
- (2) Commercial & Man-Made Hunting Blinds: The use of either type blind is authorized, however on commercial type blinds, a blaze orange panel must be affixed to each side of the blind. **Blinds must be removed daily by end of hunting hours**. Man-made blinds constructed of natural materials in the field, must have a 12" long by ½ inch wide blaze orange flagging tape affixed on each side of the blind.
- (3) <u>Coyote Hunting</u>: Timber wolves, a federally protected species, have been documented on Fort McCoy; consequently, coyote hunting is not being allowed during the G-D Season.

- (4) <u>Access to Hunting Areas During Gun-Deer Season</u>: Unless authorized in writing by DPTMS Range & Training Division or Protective Services Division, only permit holders, or Fort McCoy employees in the performance of their official duties, may enter the hunting areas during the Gun-Deer (G-D) Season.
- g. Entry/Exit to Hunting Areas: Gun-Deer permits allow hunters to hunt in authorized hunting areas on either North or South Post of Fort McCoy. Hunters must sign in and sign out at one of two designated Hunter Registration points. Hunters desiring to hunt in areas north of Highway 21 must sign in/sign out at the East Perimeter Hunter Registration Point (EPHRP) located on X Road, adjacent to the Field Shower site. Hunters desiring to hunt in areas South of Highway 21 must sign in/sign out at the Coal Yard Hunter Registration Point (CYHRP). All hunters must sign out at the location at which they signed in. Sign in/sign out must be done in person, by the permit holder desiring to hunt on Fort McCoy; no hunter/permit holder is authorized to sign in nor sign out for another. Sign in/Sign Out registers will be posted at the designated hunter registration locations at such a time as to allow hunting area sign in to begin at 2:00 a.m.; all hunters must be signed out no later than 6:00 p.m. on the same day. At each Registration point there will be an AREA CLOSURE LIST posted. AREA'S may be CLOSED for training and may change daily, all hunters must check the list when signing in/out.
- h. <u>Deer Registration</u>: All deer harvested on Fort McCoy must be registered on the day of the kill with a State registration tag before departing from the installation. **Wisconsin Zone-T and Bonus tags are not valid on Fort McCoy.** Deer may be registered at the Coal Yard or East Perimeter Registration Station starting at 7:00 am on Saturday and Sunday. All deer registration for the remainder of the season (Monday-Sunday) will be done at the Coal Yard Registration Station starting at 7:00 a.m. The carcass tag must be accessible to registration personnel, as required by State law.

#### 3-5 DEER - DISABLED HUNTS:

- a. <u>Permits</u>: A Fort McCoy Special Hunt permit, Wisconsin Class A or Class C hunting permit, and Wisconsin Gun Deer hunting license are required.
- b. <u>Seasons</u>: The Fort McCoy Gun Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities will be conducted on October 6-7, 2007. Hunters are reminded that Fort McCoy operational requirements may require closing the season earlier.
- c. <u>Hours:</u> Reference State of Wisconsin General Hunting Regulations. Any changes to hunting hours will be provided to hunters and/or announced on the Game Line (608) 388-4263.
  - d. Firearms: Weapon restrictions may be instituted depending on the location of hunting area.
- e. <u>Hunting Areas</u>: Hunting areas will be located on South Post (Zones 2 and 3 as listed in the hunter sign-in locations). North Post (Zone 1) is closed to disabled hunted participants. Appendix C shows overall scouting/hunting (military training) areas as referenced on the **Game Line (608) 388-4263**.
- f. <u>Hunter Briefings</u>: Individuals selected for the Disabled Deer season may be required to attend an informational and safety briefing with the Wildlife Biologist.

#### 3-6 DEER MUZZLE-LOADER SEASON (M-L):

- a. <u>Permits</u>: A Fort McCoy Muzzle-Loader Permit and Wisconsin Gun Deer hunting license are required.
- b. <u>Seasons:</u> The M-L Season dates are November 3-4, 2007. **This is an antlerless only.** A Fort McCoy Bonus carcass tag will be issued to hunters with the M-L permit. Hunters are reminded that Fort McCoy operational requirements may require closing the season earlier.
- c. <u>Hours:</u> Reference State of Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulation. Any changes to hunting hours will be provided to the hunters and/or announced on the **Game Line (608) 388-4263**.
- d. <u>Firearms</u>: Reference State of Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulation regarding firearms that can be used during the MLS.

- d. Hunter Sign-in: All M-L hunters are required to sign in and sign out at the CYHRP each day.
- e. <u>Hunting Areas:</u> Hunting areas will be located on South Post (Zones 2 and 3 as listed in the hunter sign-in locations). North Post (Zone 1) is closed to M-L season participants. Appendix C shows overall scouting/hunting (military training) areas as referenced on the **Game Line (608) 388-4263**.
- f. <u>Deer Registration</u>: All deer harvested on Fort McCoy must be registered the day of the kill with a State registration tag before departing the installation. The carcass tag must be accessible to registration personnel, as required by State law. Registration points will be identified at the time of the hunt; information will be provided on the **Game Line (608) 388-4263**, and posted at the sign in/sign out locations.
- g. Archaeological surveys have recorded historic gun flints on Fort McCoy. To prevent contamination of archaeological sites, all MLS hunters are requested to pack out their gun flints.

# 3-7. SPRING TURKEY REGULATION: refer to map at appendix C

- a. <u>Permits</u>: A Fort McCoy spring turkey hunting permit, the appropriate Wisconsin hunting license (i.e., current Spring Turkey Hunting License, Conservation Patron License or a Senior Citizen Recreation Card), and Turkey Stamp are required. Conservation Patron License and Senior Citizen Cardholders are exempt from the stamp requirement. All persons must reference the Wisconsin Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations for additional license information.
- b. <u>Seasons</u>: The Spring Turkey seasons on Fort McCoy consist of six separate hunting periods, commencing on the opening day of the Wisconsin Spring Turkey season. The first hunt consists of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and the following five weekly periods are Monday Friday. Hunting is not allowed on weekends. The specific season dates are printed on the Spring Turkey Permit.
- c. <u>Hunting Hours</u>: Spring turkey hunting hours begin ½ hour before sunrise and end at 5:00 pm each day. Any changes to hunting hours will be provided to hunters and/or announced on the **Game Line (608) 388-4263**.
  - d. Ammunition: Reference State of Wisconsin Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations.
- e. <u>Registration</u>: All turkeys harvested on Fort McCoy **must be registered** at the Pine View Recreation Area Main Office (bldg 8053), not later than 1 hour after hunting hours on the day of the kill.
- f. <u>Areas Open to Hunting/Scouting</u>: Advanced scouting is encouraged. Not all areas are open to hunting or scouting on any given day. Appendix C identifies scouting and hunting (military training) areas as referenced on the **Game Line (608) 388-4263.**

#### 3-8. TRAPPING REGULATION: (map provided when permit is issued)

- a. <u>Season</u>: The Fort McCoy Trapping seasons and dates coincide with the State of Wisconsin seasons and dates. Trappers are reminded that, due to furbearing management goals, seasons may be closed at any time. Trapping will not be permitted during the Gun-Deer Season.
- b. Trappers will inform the Fort McCoy Biologists of the date they intend to start trapping. Trappers will also provide maps to the Biologists that indicate location, number and sizes of traps being used no later than one week after they are first set; the Biologists will furnish copies of all trapping maps to the Chief, Law Enforcement Branch. Unless trappers are authorized by the installation Biologists, they shall not, during the term of the permit, trap any furbearer in areas other than those designated on the trapping map.
- c. All leg hold traps (wet or dry) will be checked on a daily basis. Leg hold traps may be used for trapping beaver until January 31. Conibear traps used for beaver trapping between February 1 and March 15 will be set so that raccoons cannot be captured.
- d. All 220 Conibear dry land sets will be adequately covered so as to minimize the possibility of accidental injury to non-target animals or humans.

- e. Coyote sets are limited to #2 offset coil spring traps or smaller.
- f. The Fort McCoy law enforcement officials, biologist, or representatives may accompany trappers at any time to check their traps. All traps must be removed from the installation at the close of the trapping season.
- g. <u>If requested</u>, all raccoon carcasses will be turned in to the Wildlife Biologist within 3 days from the day they were trapped.
- h. One trapper will be allowed to trap raccoon in specific areas within the Cantonment Area. A drawing will be held to determine who will be allowed to trap in these specified areas (see Trapping Permit Application). Additional regulations will apply to these areas.
- i. Trappers will furnish to the biologist a report each week that shows the daily catch by furbearer species. Reports must be turned in by the Tuesday following the prior week of trapping. Late turn-in of weekly reports may result in suspension of trapping privileges. Additional information or data may also be required from trappers.
  - j. No more than 75 traps will be set at one time by each permitted trapper.

## **3-9. FISHING REGULATION**: refer to map at appendix E

- a. <u>Categories and Fees</u>: All persons fishing on Fort McCoy are required to have a Fort McCoy Fishing Permit. Wisconsin residents 65 and over, disabled (as determined by applicable Wisconsin Law), children under age 16 fishing independently, and 4-day <u>residents/nonresidents</u>, may purchase a reduced fee permit. Children under age 16 do not require a Fort McCoy fishing permit if fishing with someone who has a Fort McCoy fishing permit and state fishing license (with trout stamp if fishing for trout). However, fish caught by children under age 16 who do not have a Fort McCoy fishing permit must be included in the accompanying state licensed angler's daily bag limit.
- b. <u>Expiration</u>: All fishing permits expire <u>31 March</u>. Permit expiration coincides with annual Wisconsin Fishing License expiration. **Fishing permits are non-transferable and non-refundable**.
- c. <u>Seasons and Dates</u>: Fishing is permitted on lakes, ponds, and streams from the first Saturday in May through 30 September. Unless posted, all lakes and ponds will remain open (including trout and ice fishing) from 1 October through 4 March. Fishing is <u>NOT</u> allowed on Fort McCoy lakes and ponds from 3 March until the inland fishing season opener, except on the North Flowage, which will be open for panfish all year. **No fishing is allowed anywhere on Fort McCoy during the Gun-Deer Season.** Fort McCoy streams will be open for the early catch and release trout season as explained in the Wisconsin Trout Fishing Regulations and Guide. Anglers are responsible for knowing if fishing areas are closed due to training. This information can be obtained by calling the <u>Game Line (608) 388-4263</u> or by checking at the designated sign in/sign out locations.
- d. <u>Ice Fishing</u>: Anglers may fish through the ice on all lakes at their own risk. Barbless hooks must be used when ice fishing on East Silver Lake and Sparta Pond.
- e. <u>Size Limit</u>: There is an 8 inch minimum size limit for panfish on West Sandy Lake. There is a 15-22 inch slot limit for largemouth bass on the North Flowage, where none can be kept within the slot, and only one over 22 inches can be kept daily. There is no size limit for rainbow trout in Sandy and Big Sandy Lakes. All other size limits are the same as those listed in the State of Wisconsin Fishing Regulations.
- f. Bag Limit: THE DAILY BAG LIMIT OF TROUT ON FORT McCOY IS 5 AND POSSESSION LIMIT IS 10. Silver Creek from the West Silver Wetland Dam downstream to the western boundary of Fort McCoy is the only exception to the five trout bag limit. In this area, the trout bag limit will be three and only artificial lures may be used. This section is highlighted on your fishing map. The daily bag limit for panfish is 10 in total for West Sandy Lake. The daily bag limit is 5 in total for largemouth bass on the North Flowage with only 1 allowed over 22". Bag limits on other fish species and size regulations coincide with Wisconsin Regulations. Fish caught by children under 16 years old who do not possess a Fort McCoy Fishing Permit are included in the accompanying state licensed angler's daily bag limit. The bag limit and possession limit for the early trout season is zero.

- g. <u>Boats and Motors</u>: Operation of gasoline motors is prohibited on all Fort McCoy waters. Boats and canoes with or without electric trolling motors are allowed only on the North Flowage, West Sandy, Sandy, Big Sandy, Alderwood, Squaw, and East Silver Lakes. Boats and canoes are <u>NOT</u> allowed on Hazel Dell, Stillwell, Swamp or Sparta Ponds. At least one U.S. Coast Guard approved life preserver must be available and on board for each person and placed readily accessible. All boats and canoes on Fort McCoy waters must comply with Wisconsin Boating Regulations. All privately owned watercraft must be removed from Fort McCoy property daily.
- h. <u>Minnows and Crayfish</u>: Legal minnows may <u>ONLY</u> be used in the North Flowage and Lost Lake. Other than the North Flowage and Lost Lake, minnows dead or alive (except commercially preserved) are not allowed as bait or to be in an angler's possession at any time. Crayfish are not allowed as bait on <u>any</u> Fort McCoy lakes or streams. It is not permitted to release unused bait fish into any Fort McCoy waters.
- i. <u>Swimming / Wading</u>: Swimming is not allowed on Fort McCoy, except at the Pine View Recreation Area Beach, when open and the lifeguard is on duty. Wading in lakes and streams is allowed only while in the act of fishing.
- j. <u>Unauthorized stocking</u>: It is illegal to transplant live fish from one water body to another without the consent of Fort McCoy Biologists.

# APPENDIX A References:

10 USC § 2671

# 16 USC 470, and CFR 261.9

Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979

# 16 USC §§ 670 et seq

SIKES Act

18 USC § 13

**WI Statutes** 

**WI Natural Resource Code** 

## Fort McCoy Regulation 190-5

Installation Traffic Code

# Fort McCoy Regulation 190-8

Animal Control

## Fort McCoy Regulation 190-12

Prohibited Activities

## Fort McCoy Regulation 385-1

Range Safety Program

#### Army Regulation 200-3

Natural Resources – Land, Forest and Wildlife Management

#### **Department of Defense Directive 4700.4**

Natural Resources Management Program

#### **US Army Memorandum 16 Apr 1989**

Policy on Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping on Army Installations

Fort McCoy Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan

# Appendix B to Fort McCoy Regulation 420-29 SUSPENSION/REVOCATION OF FORT MCCOY GAME PRIVILEGES

The suspension of game privileges is an additional administrative action in conjunction with any judicial or punitive actions. Suspension shall be immediate and include the date of the offense in the suspension period. Privileges will be suspended consecutively for two or more violations.

VIOLATION/OFFENSE	ACTION
Hunting or trapping during the closed season	Permanent Revocation
Persons found to be legally intoxicated while hunting, trapping, or while operating watercraft	Permanent Revocation
Entering the North Impact Area for ANY reason	Permanent Revocation
Shooting at or killing, protected, threatened or endangered species	Permanent Revocation
Shining wild animals while in possession of a weapon	Permanent Revocation
Hunting, fishing or trapping while under suspension/revocation of hunting privileges	Permanent Revocation
Using bait for attracting deer, over 5 gals and/or salt/mineral block over 5lbs	Permanent Revocation
Unauthorized Stocking of fish or release of non-native wild animals	Permanent Revocation
Harassing, disturbing or pursuing endangered species	Five Year Revocation
Hunting before or after hours	Three Year Revocation
Possession of an illegal deer	Three Year Revocation
Damage of government property	Three Year Revocation
Using bait for attracting deer 2-5 gals and/or salt/mineral block 3-5lbs	Three Year Revocation
Persons consuming alcohol while in hunting or trapping area	Two Year Revocation
Molesting or appropriating the traps or trapped animals of another	Two Year Revocation
Hunting from an observation tower or any other structure found on ranges	Two Year Revocation
Shooting from or across a road	Three Year Revocation
Harassing/obstructing hunters, trappers or anglers	Two Year Revocation
Hunting within 50 feet of center of roadway	Two Year Revocation
Transporting a loaded weapon cased or uncased in or on a vehicle	Two Year Revocation
Using bait for attracting deer, under 2 gals and/or salt/mineral block under 3 lbs	Two Year Revocation
Exceeding daily or possession small game limits	Two Year revocation
Harassing, disturbing or pursuing protected species	One Year Revocation
Constructing or hunting from a permanent tree stand, fail to remove stand daily	One Year Revocation
Fail to remove commercial blinds daily	One Year Revocation
Hunting, fishing or trapping without a valid Wisconsin license, proper stamps or Fort McCoy permit	One Year Revocation
Making an unauthorized deer drive	One Year Revocation
Failure to register a deer/turkey on Fort McCoy the day the deer/turkey is harvested	One Year Revocation
Failure to make reasonable effort to retrieve downed game	One Year Revocation
Trapping with untagged or improperly tagged traps	One Year Revocation
Failure to provide warden accurate trapping maps in time period specified	One Year Revocation
Operating more than 75 traps for furbearers	One Year Revocation

Failure to remove traps after season closes	One Year Revocation
Illegal use of traps, pitfalls, and/or similar devises	One Year Revocation
Transporting a uncased weapon in or on a vehicle	One Year Revocation
Failure to check leg hold traps on a daily basis (dry or wet)	One Year Revocation
Hunting with an illegal or unauthorized weapon, ammunition, etc	One Year Revocation
Fishing during the closed season	One Year Revocation
Failure to validate or attach deer/turkey carcass tag before transporting it in any manner	One Year Revocation
Failure to sign in/out at designated check station	One Year Revocation
Hunting Turkeys/Deer with the aid of dogs	One Year Revocation
Using live decoys for the purpose of enticing wild turkey	One Year Revocation
Hunting turkeys with the aid of electronically produced sound	One Year Revocation
Digging, disturbing the soil or painting vegetation of any kind	One Year Revocation
Failure to cooperate with government officials when in execution of their duties	One Year Revocation
Littering or depositing debris on Fort McCoy	One Year Revocation
Violation of BLACK OUT Drive restrictions	One Year Revocation
Hunting in closed area	One Year Revocation
Possession of under sized fish, violation of slot limit, exceeding daily or possession limits	One Year Revocation
Driving/parking motor vehicle on ice	Six Month Revocation
Operating vehicles off established roadways, on unauthorized trails, or driving off authorized roads in LRAM areas	Six month Revocation
Tracking wounded animal into closed area without warden	Sixty Day Revocation
Unauthorized swimming	Sixty Day Revocation
Use of minnows as bait, except on North Flowage and Lost Lake, use of crayfish	Sixty Day Revocation
Shining wild animals at anytime on Fort McCoy	Sixty Day Revocation
Violation of Silver Creek bag limit or lure restriction	Sixty Day Revocation
Any other law covered by the State of Wisconsin Hunting regulation and/or this regulation	Forfeiture and/or Fine as depicted in the Fort McCoy Forfeiture Schedule

# Appendix F to Fort McCoy Regulation 420-29 Cantonment and Sparta-Fort McCoy Airport Deer Archery Hunting

- 1. PURPOSE: This regulation sets forth laws and restrictions for archery hunting in the Cantonment Area (CA) and the areas around the Sparta-Fort McCoy Airport (SFMA).
- 2. APPLICABILITY: This regulation applies to all persons, military and civilian, who participate in the CA and SFMA archery hunts which coincides with the regular Wisconsin archery season. All seasons, dates, and restrictions are subject to change.
- 3. GENERAL RESTRICTIONS: To manage the deer population in specific areas in the CA and around the SFMA, see map-appendix G. These areas will be open for deer hunting to archers with a Wisconsin license and appropriate Fort McCoy permits (see paragraphs 4a and 4b below).
- 4. SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND CONCERNS: This appendix to Fort McCoy Regulation 420-29 contains special provisions and regulations that pertain to these hunts. If not specifically stated below, Fort McCoy and Wisconsin Statutes apply.
- a. TO HUNT DEER WITHIN THE CA, ARCHERS <u>MUST</u> POSSES A FORT MCCOY CANTONMENT ARCHERY PERMIT AND BONUS TAG. Regular Wisconsin archery tags are <u>not</u> valid in the CA. This special (bonus) Fort McCoy tag allows the archer to shoot a spike buck or antlerless deer.
- b. Archers with a Fort McCoy Cantonment Archery Permit are allowed to use their Cantonment Archery Tag in areas around the SFMA for spike buck or antlerless deer, see appendix G.
- c. A limited number of special (bonus) tags may be available for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis to hunt deer in these areas. These permits may be purchased from the Permit Sales Office.
- d. **Deer drives are NOT allowed in the Cantonment Area.** Deer drives are not allowed during the early season around the airport.
  - e. Vehicles are only allowed on established roads and trails.
  - f. Piebald deer are protected in the CA.
- g. Hunters in the CA are not allowed to shoot at deer that are outside wooded areas (i.e., a deer standing in the open in the parade field).
- h. Hunters in the CA are not allowed to walk outside of the hunting areas (with or without a weapon) in an attempt to chase deer into the hunting areas.
  - i. Hunters in the CA must field dress deer in wooded areas only.
  - j. Special Cantonment Area #26 is closed Monday through Friday.
  - k. Archers may be required to verify the kill site.
  - I. Hunters are not allowed on the airport runways at any time.
- m. The CA and SFMA areas may be closed at anytime during the season. The **Game Line**, **(608) 388-4263**, will inform hunters in the event an area is closed to hunting.